The Nature Exploration Playscape is designed to give urban residents of all ages an increased appreciation for nature. The park is designed to be as wild and natural as possible while still adhering to state safety regulations. This playscape will teach visitors about environmental stewardship and encourage them to create a more sustainable world for generations to come.
The playscape’s main feature is a large fountain located near the center of the park. The fountain is modeled after an umbrella magnolia and is made of recycled plastic. Water from the fountain flows into a pond filled with rocks and lily pads, also made from recycled plastic. Water from the pond flows downhill into a splash pad divided into hexagonal shapes representing plant cells. The “cells” are shallow, water-filled concrete spaces dotted with grass hexagons. As water flows into the splash pad, it flows over the edge of the hexagons and into drains, where it is filtered and pumped back up to the magnolia tree fountain using solar energy. Additionally, a diatom model is to the north of the splash pad. It too is made of concrete and filled with water so visitors can play in it.
The center of the playscape is home to a playground with swings and a merry-go-round. These are extra large and can be enjoyed by people of all ages. Towards the east is a large slide modeled after spirogyra cells and made of recycled plastic. This slide is durable enough that even adults can ride it. At the base of the slide is a pile of recycled rubber chips.
The sunflower garden is made of recycled plastic with leaves thin enough that sunlight can penetrate it on sunny days. Recycled rubber mulch surrounds the base of the garden. In addition to plastic sunflowers, real sunflowers grow around the edges of the garden.

A wooden boardwalk surrounds most of the park, allowing visitors to walk around and enjoy the scenery. At the north end of the boardwalk is a tunnel covered in ivy. The edges of the playscape are filled with trees and local plants. These plants and trees are designed to attract wildlife so that people can see birds, squirrels, butterflies, and other small animals. At the southeast end of the park is a sculpture installation.